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MEXICO/COPENHAGEN/TOKYO - FOR REGIONAL FISHERIES ATTACHE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIS, GL, AS, PP

SUBJECT: U.S. SHRIMP FISHING

1. THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS),
NOAA, COMMERCE REPORTS THAT U.S. SHRIMP FISHERMEN
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DISTANT WATER GROUNDS OFF MEXICO, THE GUIANAS, AND BRAZIL.
UNCONFIRMED REPORTS INDICATE THAT THERE IS A POSSIBILITY
OF U.S. FLAG VESSELS OPERATING OFF GREENLAND, AUSTRALIA,
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3. FOR CANBERRA ONLY. THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE U.S. FISHERMEN HAS INDICATED THAT STOCKS OF LARGE SHRIMP/PRAWNS EXIST OFF NORTHERN AUSTRALIA, BUT AS MANY AUSTRALIAN SHRIMP TRAWLERS REPORTEDLY USE ICE TO PRESERVE THE CATCH, THESE STOCKS, ABOUT A DAY AND A HALF BOAT TRIP FROM THE COAST, ARE NOT BEING FISHED.

4. FOR COPENHAGEN ONLY. WOULD REGIONAL FISHERIES ATTACHE PLEASE ASSESS WITH COUNTRY TEAM THE FEASIBILITY AND ADVISABILITY APPROACHING GREENLAND OFFICIALS THROUGH THE DANISH GOVERNMENT BEFORE TAKING ACTION ON THIS MATTER.

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